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Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:  
(GL)

***AN ACT PERMITTING RESTAURANT, CAFE AND TAVERN  
ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR PERMIT HOLDERS TO SELL GROWLERS OF  
BEER AT RETAIL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 30-22 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) A restaurant permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic liquor  
4 to be consumed on the premises of a restaurant. A restaurant patron  
5 shall be allowed to remove one unsealed bottle of wine for off-  
6 premises consumption provided the patron has purchased such bottle  
7 of wine at such restaurant and has purchased a full course meal at  
8 such restaurant and consumed a portion of the bottle of wine with  
9 such meal on such restaurant premises. For the purposes of this  
10 section, "full course meal" means a diversified selection of food which  
11 ordinarily cannot be consumed without the use of tableware and  
12 which cannot be conveniently consumed while standing or walking. A  
13 restaurant permit, with prior approval of the Department of Consumer  
14 Protection, shall allow alcoholic liquor to be served at tables in outside

15 areas which are screened or not screened from public view where  
16 permitted by fire, zoning and health regulations. If not required by  
17 fire, zoning or health regulations, a fence or wall enclosing such  
18 outside areas shall not be required by the Department of Consumer  
19 Protection. No fence or wall used to enclose such outside areas shall be  
20 less than thirty inches high. Such permit shall also authorize the selling  
21 at retail from the premises of sealed containers of draught beer for  
22 consumption off the premises. Such selling at retail from the premises  
23 of sealed containers shall comply with the provisions of subsection (d)  
24 of section 30-91 and shall permit not more than four liters of such beer  
25 to be sold to any person on any day on which the sale of alcoholic  
26 liquor is authorized under the provisions of subsection (d) of section  
27 30-91. The annual fee for a restaurant permit shall be one thousand  
28 four hundred fifty dollars.

29 (b) A restaurant permit for beer shall allow the retail sale of beer  
30 and of cider not exceeding six per cent of alcohol by volume to be  
31 consumed on the premises of a restaurant. Such permit shall also  
32 authorize the selling at retail from the premises of sealed containers of  
33 draught beer for consumption off the premises. Such selling at retail  
34 from the premises of sealed containers shall comply with the  
35 provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91 and shall permit not more  
36 than four liters of such beer to be sold to any person on any day on  
37 which the sale of alcoholic liquor is authorized under the provisions of  
38 subsection (d) of section 30-91. The annual fee for a restaurant permit  
39 for beer shall be three hundred dollars.

40 (c) A restaurant permit for wine and beer shall allow the retail sale  
41 of wine and beer and of cider not exceeding six per cent of alcohol by  
42 volume to be consumed on the premises of the restaurant. A restaurant  
43 patron may remove one unsealed bottle of wine for off-premises  
44 consumption provided the patron has purchased a full course meal  
45 and consumed a portion of the bottle of wine with such meal on the  
46 restaurant premises. Such permit shall also authorize the selling at  
47 retail from the premises of sealed containers of draught beer for

48 consumption off the premises. Such selling at retail from the premises  
49 of sealed containers shall comply with the provisions of subsection (d)  
50 of section 30-91 and shall permit not more than four liters of such beer  
51 to be sold to any person on any day on which the sale of alcoholic  
52 liquor is authorized under the provisions of subsection (d) of section  
53 30-91. The annual fee for a restaurant permit for wine and beer shall be  
54 seven hundred dollars.

55 (d) Repealed by P.A. 77-112, S. 1.

56 (e) A partially consumed bottle of wine that is to be removed from  
57 the premises pursuant to subsection (a) or (c) of this section shall be  
58 securely sealed and placed in a bag by the permittee or permittee's  
59 agent or employee prior to removal from the premises.

60 (f) "Restaurant" means space, in a suitable and permanent building,  
61 kept, used, maintained, advertised and held out to the public to be a  
62 place where hot meals are regularly served, but which has no sleeping  
63 accommodations for the public and which shall be provided with an  
64 adequate and sanitary kitchen and dining room and employs at all  
65 times an adequate number of employees.

66 Sec. 2. Section 30-22a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
67 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

68 (a) A cafe permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic liquor to be  
69 consumed on the premises of a cafe. Premises operated under a cafe  
70 permit shall regularly keep food available for sale to its customers for  
71 consumption on the premises. The availability of sandwiches, soups or  
72 other foods, whether fresh, processed, precooked or frozen, shall be  
73 deemed compliance with this requirement. The licensed premises shall  
74 at all times comply with all the regulations of the local department of  
75 health. Nothing herein shall be construed to require that any food be  
76 sold or purchased with any liquor, nor shall any rule, regulation or  
77 standard be promulgated or enforced requiring that the sale of food be  
78 substantial or that the receipts of the business other than from the sale

79 of liquor equal any set percentage of total receipts from sales made  
80 therein. A cafe permit shall allow, with the prior approval of the  
81 Department of Consumer Protection, alcoholic liquor to be served at  
82 tables in outside areas that are screened or not screened from public  
83 view where permitted by fire, zoning and health regulations. If not  
84 required by fire, zoning or health regulations, a fence or wall enclosing  
85 such outside areas shall not be required by the Department of  
86 Consumer Protection. No fence or wall used to enclose such outside  
87 areas shall be less than thirty inches high. Such permit shall also  
88 authorize the selling at retail from the premises of sealed containers of  
89 draught beer for consumption off the premises. Such selling at retail  
90 from the premises of sealed containers shall comply with the  
91 provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91 and shall permit not more  
92 than four liters of such beer to be sold to any person on any day on  
93 which the sale of alcoholic liquor is authorized under the provisions of  
94 subsection (d) of section 30-91. The annual fee for a cafe permit shall be  
95 two thousand dollars.

96 (b) (1) A cafe patron may remove one unsealed bottle of wine for  
97 off-premises consumption provided the patron has purchased a full  
98 course meal and consumed a portion of the wine with such meal on  
99 the cafe premises. For purposes of this section, "full course meal"  
100 means a diversified selection of food which ordinarily cannot be  
101 consumed without the use of tableware and which cannot be  
102 conveniently consumed while standing or walking.

103 (2) A partially consumed bottle of wine that is to be removed from  
104 the premises pursuant to this subsection shall be securely sealed and  
105 placed in a bag by the permittee or the permittee's agent or employee  
106 prior to removal from the premises.

107 (c) As used in this section, "cafe" means space in a suitable and  
108 permanent building, kept, used, maintained, advertised and held out  
109 to the public to be a place where alcoholic liquor and food is served for  
110 sale at retail for consumption on the premises but which does not

111 necessarily serve hot meals; it shall have no sleeping accommodations  
112 for the public and need not necessarily have a kitchen or dining room  
113 but shall have employed therein at all times an adequate number of  
114 employees.

115 Sec. 3. Section 30-26 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
116 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

117 A tavern permit shall allow the retail sale of beer and of cider not  
118 exceeding six per cent of alcohol by volume and wine to be consumed  
119 on the premises of a tavern with or without the sale of food. "Tavern"  
120 means a place where beer and wine are sold under a tavern permit.  
121 Such permit shall also authorize the selling at retail from the premises  
122 of sealed containers of draught beer for consumption off the premises.  
123 Such selling at retail from the premises of sealed containers shall  
124 comply with the provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91 and shall  
125 permit not more than four liters of such beer to be sold to any person  
126 on any day on which the sale of alcoholic liquor is authorized under  
127 the provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91. The annual fee for a  
128 tavern permit shall be three hundred dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	30-22
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	30-22a
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	30-26

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Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	30-22a
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	30-26

***Statement of Purpose:***

To allow restaurant, cafe and tavern alcoholic liquor permit holders to sell growlers of beer at retail.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*